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19 September 1944

Rear Admiral R. E. Schuirmann,
Director of Naval Intelligence,
Navy Department, Room 3076,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Schuirmann:

Pursuant to approved agreement of service members JIC for coordination of intelligence on the Japanese Air Force, MID has made arrangements for the exploitation of all captured Japanese documents pertinent to Japanese aviation.

Document centralization has been initiated by a directive to appropriate Army theater commanders, a copy of which is inclosed for your information.

Eventual personnel requirements for the exploitation of Japanese air documents will be based on the volume of raw material received together with results obtained. Since proper determination of these facts will require several months of operational experience, it is planned to initiate the undertaking with minimum personnel from each interested agency. It is estimated that five officers (below grade of commander) and 12 enlisted men are required as an initial allotment *from the navy.*

It is requested that you initiate necessary action at *the* earliest moment to expedite ~~similar~~ transmission to MID of all Japanese aviation documents captured by the Navy and provide by 10 October, 1944, an initial allotment of five officers (below grade of commander) and 12 enlisted men (~~as many~~ qualified

Japanese language specialists ~~available~~ to be detailed for duty with MID to assist with exploitation of captured documents pertinent to the Japanese Air Force.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.

1 Incl:
Copy of Ltr to CG, USAF, POA,
from TAG dated 14 Sep 44.